



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICANT : Jackowski et al.  
INVENTION : Biopolymer Marker Indicative Of  
Disease State Having A Molecular  
Weight Of 1211 Daltons  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 29, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2003 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire January 29, 2004, extended 3 months to April 29, 2004, for which a Request for Continued Examination in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114 and the appropriate fees are filed concurrently herewith, kindly enter the following response:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.